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Notes

DJMO Outreach

Lieutenant Commander John Pritchett recently completed training with the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, Washington, DC, on Sub-Saharan Africa Area Studies. The course, a wide-ranging, intensive introduction to Sub-Saharan Africa, prepares foreign affairs professionals for assignment to the region. Pritchett's training will enhance his Advanced Program Elective A562: Africa Strategic Studies. While in Washington, Pritchett also served as the State Chairperson to the National Summit on Africa.

Chaplain Major Chet Lanious recently attended the Combined Humanitarian Assistance Response Training (CHART) Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The course provides a comprehensive view of Humanitarian Assistance Operations issues and key planning considerations necessary for appropriate military support. The Department of Joint Operations (DJMO) instructs "Humanitarian Assistance Operations" and sponsors a CHART course for Term IV.

As a subject matter expert, Robert Walz, Strategic Studies Division, recently visited the Department of State, National Security Center, Department of Defense, Central Intelligence Agency and Congress. Such visits keep the Strategic Studies Division current on national security issues and contributes immeasurably to the department's strategist program.

In March, James Willbanks, Joint Operations Division, presented a paper, "US Advisors, 1969-1973: Vietnamizing the War," at the Southwestern Social Science Association 2000 Annual Meeting in Galveston, Texas. He also presented "The Final Battle, Xuan Loc 1975," to the Popular Culture Association Conference, in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April.

DJMO recently completed its pilot program of combined training with the USACGSC and the Australian Command and Staff College. The program, approved and supported by TRADOC and PACOM, involved a series of video teleconferences linkups to discuss strategic issues and included a visit to exercise *PRAIRIE WARRIOR* by the Australian students. The program has enhanced long-term ties between the colleges and models successful combined and multinational training.

SCP and Transformation

The School for Command Preparation (SCP) continues to meet the needs of tactical battalion/brigade commanders as part of the US Army's transformation. Recent successful changes include the incorporation of adaptive-thinking methodology, an increased focus on decision making, improved relevance to commanders supporting



corps/division operations and implementation of military operations on urbanized terrain (MOUT) tactical exercise without troops (TEWT) in Lawrence, Kansas. Changes also include the Army Research Institute's "Think Like a Commander" vignettes and "Duffer's Drift" scenarios. The vignettes are designed to help brigade commanders, and the scenarios provide iterative, progressive lessons on decision making.

Future enhancements will include collaboration with the combat training centers to provide a tactical-applications TEWT. Address any comments on precommand programs to LTC George Hodge, (913) 758-3379 or DSN 585-3379.

CSI Review Research and Recognition

In April, the Combat Studies Institute (CSI) underwent an external review by a team composed of General (Retired) Donn A. Starry, James Stensvaag (TRADOC Historian), Jeff Clarke (Chief Historian, CMH), Roger Spiller (USACGSC Marshall Chair) and Linda Frey (a member of CSA's Historical Advisory Committee). The review was to determine whether CSI's missions are still current. The team's recommendations are pending General John Abram's review and decision.

Under a research grant from the US Institute of Peace, Robert Baumann, George Gawrych and Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Walter Kretchik went to Sarajevo to research US Army peacekeeping activities. Ultimately, their work will result in a CSI research study or Leavenworth Paper.

Michael Pearlman delivered a presentation titled "The Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki" at Northern Kentucky University. From 13-15 April, Baumann participated as a panelist in a seminar at the Association for the Study of Nationalities in New York City. Gary Bjorge and Baumann attended the Society for Military Historians conference at Quantico, Virginia, from 28-30 April. Bjorge delivered a paper titled "The Chinese Historians' View of the Korean War," and Baumann was a discussion panelist.

SAMS Historian Honored

Robert H. Berlin, School of Advanced Military Studies, was recently named executive director of the Society for Military History (SMH). The SMH holds annual conferences and publishes the quarterly *Journal of Military History* through the George C. Marshall Foundation and The Virginia Military Institute. Berlin can be reached by phone at (913) 758-3322 or by E-mail at <berlinr@leavenworth.army.mil>.